

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

BY THE LVPC YOUTH GROUP



After many months of anticipation and fundraising, LVPC's Youth Group journeyed to Maine in August for nine days of sweat, hard work, sour muscles, and fun. Looking back on the experience, the group reflected on what they gave to others during their ministry, and what they took away for themselves.

Maggie Strome

To express in writing what I got out of this trip would be an impossible task. I don't even know if I could express it in words. I remember when we first thought of the idea of going on a mission trip. It was great thought, but could we do it? Could we raise all that money? At first, it seemed like an enormous thing to do, but all the energy and effort were well worth it.

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MAGGIE STROME

For most of the week, I worked at one family's house. Earlier this summer another group had built an addition to their house. Our group prepared the walls for painting and then

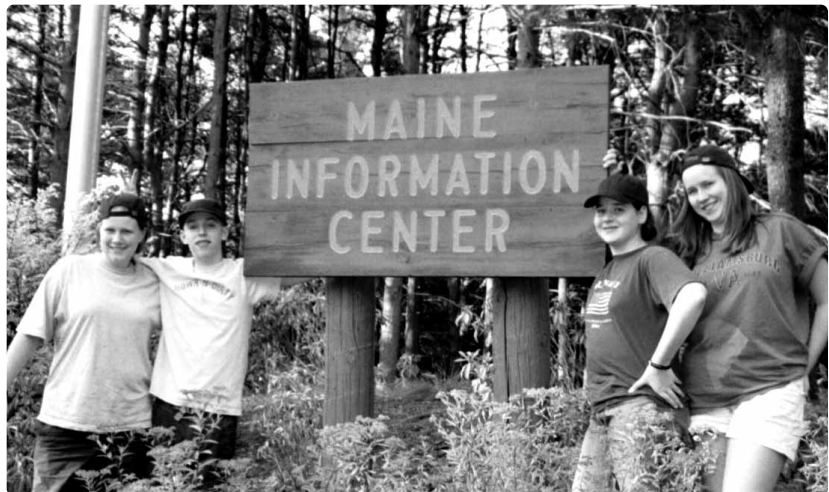
Painted them. As an amateur painter, it was hard work, but one thing definitely made it easier. This family consisted of three boys and a little girl. The girl was napping most of the time, but the boys were always there watching us and talking to us. One boy in particular named Joel would sit on the bed while we painted and give us a running commentary on what we were doing or sometimes what we

should be doing. Joel and his brothers were so excited to see us each day and wanted to help. Part of the job was to paint two of the boys' bedrooms. The excitement they felt because their rooms were being painted was incredible. That's what my trip to Maine was about—making those boys so excited just because I was painting their rooms. I don't know if what I did made a huge impact, but I know for that one day it was clear we were making their day, and who knows, maybe their week.

Monica Brown

When I agreed to go on this trip, I thought about what I would be doing for the people who I helped. I had no idea that there would be so much poverty. But now I do. I don't think it matters how much a person owns. The people we met had stories to tell and were really grateful for what we did. It brightened their day for us to sit and talk to them. I feel really great about what I accomplished in Maine. I'll never forget this experience.

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THE LVPC YOUTH GROUP: FROM LEFT, GRACE STROME, CLINTON ROBERTS, MONICA BROWN, MAGGIE STROME

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Grace Strome

We met some interesting people on this trip but my favorite was Dorothy, an elderly lady. We were building her a handrail on her front porch so she could use the stairs easier. At one point Dorothy came to me and said, "You look hot. You should come inside for awhile." So I followed her into her little air-conditioned home. I sat down with her and the first thing she said to me was, "You need some candy." So she rummaged through some drawers and handed me some M&Ms. I thanked her and we started the beginning of a 45-minute conversation. She asked my age, grade, whether or not I liked school, and other similar questions. She pulled out some picture albums and showed me all of her family and told me what they did. She went on and on about everything and never ran out of things to tell me. When it was time to go she told me, "You made my day. Thank you." I left in awe. Dorothy didn't care that we just built her a handrail or weeded her garden. She was happy just to have someone to talk to. And I'm glad that I could be that person. I will never forget Dorothy and the good feeling I walked away with.

Clinton Roberts

I had a great time on the mission trip. When I volunteered for this trip I knew it would be hard work but also fun. It was well worth the effort. I made some new friends and met some very nice people.

There was one person that I felt I connected with. Her name was Dorothy. She was 86 and lived alone. I felt good about helping her out and I would do it again.

We had a great time on this trip! Thank you for all your support!☺



CLINTON ROBERTS UP A LADDER

WORKERS YES, TACOS NO

The Presbyterian Church (USA) launched a boycott of Taco Bell restaurants beginning Labor Day. The action is meant to pressure Taco Bell's parent company, Yum! Foods, to raise the wages of tomato harvesters in Florida. Growers pay the farm workers, who are mostly Haitian and Mexican migrant workers, \$25 to pick and haul a ton of tomatoes, a piece-rate that hasn't changed since 1978.

The boycott will be "Web-based," according to Rev. Gary Cook, coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. "Taco Bell's target market is 18- to 24-year old males, so the place to reach them is on the Web."

To learn more about the boycott log on to www.pcusa.org/boycott.☺

EXPECT GRACE

BY JOY DOUGLAS STROME



*Expect grace...
as young people have hearts for service*

*Expect grace...
as new people find a welcome*

*Expect grace...
as growing Sunday school classes generate smiles and laughter*

*Expect grace...
as memories of the past bring life to the future*

*Expect grace...
as church becomes sanctuary, school, and servant*

*Expect grace...
as the calendar explodes with activity*

*Expect grace...
as the faithful gather for worship and celebration*

*Expect grace...
always...reliable...miracle...free....amazing.☺*



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The *Chimes* is looking for a talented photographer, preferably with a high quality digital camera, who can attend church events and take pictures for the newsletter and the church archives. If you're interested, please contact Eric Diekhans at (847) 332-1014 or p_tiger98@hotmail.com

A SAFE PLACE TO BE

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

For the past six years, LVPC's Fellowship Hall has been home to Café Pride, a gay-friendly coffeehouse.

It isn't easy being a gay teen. Parents and classmates often don't know or don't understand. Some teens obtain a fake ID and hit the gay and lesbian bars in the Lake View neighborhood, where they encounter alcohol, drugs, and sexual pressure from adults.

“The kids want to talk about spiritual issues.”

REV. STU SMITH

That's why Rev. Stuart Smith started Café Pride, a coffeehouse for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender youth, and their friends, 17 to 21 years old. “Youth want to go somewhere where there's not a sexual agenda,” says Stu, “and most of the kids are trying to avoid drugs.”

The Café is open every Friday from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight, and typically about 10 youth show up, more during the school year. Most of them find Café Pride through its website, www.cafepride.com. Unlike a commercial coffeehouse, support group, or social service agency, there's no cover, no charge for refreshments, and no pressure to talk.

When they first start coming to the Café, the youth just want to hang out and relax. But many of them eventually seek out an adult to share their questions and concerns. “They have issues they want to talk about,” says Stu, “though it takes them awhile to open up.”

Sometimes the talk turns to religion and spirituality. “The kids want to talk about

spiritual issues,” Stu continues. “Recently they were asking about the clobber passages — Bible verses used to attack gays.” After hearing so many negative messages from religious types, the youth are suspicious of organized religion. They get a very different message at Café Pride. As the Café's website states, “We believe that being religious and being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning is not a contradiction.”

Elizabeth Butler, LVPC's former Field Placement Student from McCormick Theological Seminary, is beginning her third year as a volunteer on the Café Pride staff. “Elizabeth is low key, so she works well with high key kids, and some of them want to talk to a woman.”

LVPC is considering creating a stronger bond between the church and Café Pride by making it an official ministry. “It's been difficult keeping a board together,” Stu relates. “Becoming an LVPC program will mean a stronger board and stronger leadership.”

Stu would also like to see Café Pride replicated in other churches and other cities. There are similar programs in Tampa and New York, and a church in Des Moines, Iowa recently contacted him about starting their own program.

In the meantime, gay youth will continue to flock to Lake View, and some of them will come to Broadway and Addison looking for a safe place to be.☯

LVPC ONLINE

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

If you've ever spent time surfing church websites, you know how bad they can be. Many sites are poorly designed, difficult to navigate, and seldom updated—sometimes announcing the upcoming Easter events for 1999.

With the Brighter Spirit Committee's leadership and Grace and Paul Strome's hard work, LVPC is avoiding many of the pitfalls of having an online presence. According to Scott Grannan, Brighter Spirit's Chair, the message the Committee wants to convey is embodied in the church's banner, reproduced on the site's home page: “Open Door, Open Heart, Open Mind.”

While Brighter Spirit provided guidance and encouragement, Grace and Paul Strome did the bulk of the work actually creating the site. “Dad and I took a Front Page class from [LVPC member] Pat Simms,” remarks Grace. Paul then did much of the programming.

Grace says that her main job is to keep up the site. “Usually once a day I have to put something up or take something down.” Additionally, one day a week she spends 45 minutes to 1 hour adding the Sunday bulletin and other listings. The site has information on worship, mission activities, Christian education, music, and church life. You can also download current and past issues of the *Chimes*.

The Youth Group was excited to use the site to update members back in Chicago during their mission trip to Maine. “It was fun,” remembers Grace. “Dad had his laptop and took pictures with his digital camera.” The youth also wrote about their experiences and posted them on the site.

Spend some time on LVPC's website at www.lakeviewpresbyterian.org.☯



WEBMASTER GRACE STROME



EVERY SUNDAY

Study the Bible with the Niners Class. They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Academy.

Sunday school for children and youth begins at 10:00 a.m. Class for ages 3-4 meets in the Mulford Room. Classes for grades K-5 and 6-12 meet in the Academy.

Choir practice at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour and time for fellowship immediately follow the service.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Food For Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. with a panel discussion about the More Light Network. To register, contact the church office.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Building and Grounds Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

What does it mean to be a member of Lake View Church? Find out at the New Members Class from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

A Taize service features scripture reading, repetitive singing, and meditative silence. Join us tonight at 7:30 for Taize.

The Café Pride Coffeehouse meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and serves as a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth ages 17 – 21.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Social Justice Committee of LVPC will meet at 9:00 a.m. Contact Erika Poethig at (773) 288-0467 for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Lake View Pantry food donations and Two Cents A Meal offerings will be taken at the morning worship service.

Join a group to see our own Laurie Empen in the play *Promises, Promises*. Contact the church office for information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Nominating Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

New Members Class from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. See October 3 for more details.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 4 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Stretch your body and spirit in Cora Vander Broek's yoga class for all levels, meeting 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Contact Cora at (773) 592-2375 for details.

The Young Adults Group of LVPC will volunteer at Lakeview Shelter. The group meets at the church at 5:30 p.m. Contact Christine Lynn at vwsnudge@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Finance and Stewardship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

The Brighter Spirit Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Food For Thought examines Marcus Borg's book, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, led by Joy Douglas Strome. Class begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice this evening at 7:15.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Monthly prayer meeting in the chapel at noon. Call Peg Hazenbush at (773) 871-0312 for more information.

LVPC's men leave for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual reflection on the annual Men's Retreat to Lutherdale Retreat Center in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Contact the church office to sign up.

Young Adult Group social event. Contact Cora Vander Broek at (773) 592-2375 for more information.

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 4 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Cora Vander Broek's yoga class meets 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. See October 12 for details.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Food For Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. See October 15 for details.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Session meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 4 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Cora Vander Broek's yoga class meets 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. See October 12 for details.

Movie Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Join the LVPC bowlers at 1:00 p.m. This is non-league bowling, so you can roll one, two, or three games, or skip a date. Contact George Reyes at (773) 793-5188 by October 24 to sign up.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Food For Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. See October 15 for details.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 p.m.☯

PAST PASTORS

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

In the first of an occasional series of interviews with the men and women who have been called to lead LVPC, Rev. John Magill, our earliest living pastor, reflects on the church during the war years. Rev. Magill was just 29 years old when he became pastor in 1943. He served until 1946.

Tell me about LVPC at the time.

It was a congregation of some diversity—some elderly, some business and professional people, a small number of youth and children, entirely Caucasian. Some of its members had to travel a distance to worship services and activities. I believe the membership roll contained about 300 names.



REV. JOHN MAGILL WITH SOME OF THE WOMEN OF LVPC

You arrived at LVPC in the midst of World War II. What was the mood?

June 6, 1944 was our second wedding anniversary—D Day. I recall so clearly taking my radio that morning to the church office to try to keep apprised of what was happening—little did we realize the tremendous results of that invasion (by the way, both my radio and my typewriter were stolen from the office during the night).

During my pastorate there were several of our military who lost their lives. I recall two of those men very distinctly—one was from the Young family, his mother worked as a columnist for the Chicago Tribune. I was the one who had to take the sad news to her. I recall a friend of

that mother who indicated she would have died if it had been her son. Indeed, that mother was later informed that her son had died.

What was the neighborhood like?

The area had a down at the heel look about it. The Broadway and Addison location seemed to be a dividing line between the more affluent neighborhood east of the church and the areas west and north. Some of the larger homes had been made into separate apartments, and there were run down, unkempt properties at the location. It was evident that the church was having a challenge just to hold its own.

It was a busy and noisy corner—street cars ran on Broadway, a bus line was located on Addison Street—it was somewhat of a commercial corner with a drug store, a grocery and meat market across the street. A blind newsboy had his stand in front of the drug store. Crowds of people were seen coming and going to the Wrigley Field games, and almost every week some of the sports fans would sit on the black pipe fence and as a regular thing that fence would break down and have to be re-erected.

What were some of the church's activities?

A 60th anniversary of LVPC was celebrated during my pastorate—when I went there in 1943 there was a negative spirit in the church, caused by the fact that the church had a mortgage of \$6,000—it had been a mortgage originally of \$10,000. I challenged the session to plan an anniversary celebration that would have as one of its goals the elimination of its indebtedness. We had a six month program of asking the congregants to pledge \$10 a month and the result was that \$8,500 was realized—



REV. AND MRS. MAGILL TODAY.

the mortgage was burned and the additional sum was used to do some fixing up and painting of the rooms.

How did the church reach out to the surrounding community?

The major outreach in those few years was through an association with the Lake View Council in Religious Action. This was a program ahead of its time for it would be many years before the Catholic Church could share any relationship with Protestant congregations. LVPC had established a healthy relationship with Temple Shalom during the building of its lake shore edifice—the Temple had used the LVPC facilities for its worship. One of the outstanding actions was the Community Thanksgiving Service.

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REV. JOHN MAGILL

What were some of LVPC's challenges?

Though it was not discussed as far as I was concerned, I felt that there was a question as to how long the church could be effective in its location with limited growth and limited financial support. I have marveled that LVPC has survived a second 60 years and that it continues to be a vital and relevant ministry today. ♪

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Personals

Again the cruel price of war has been paid by one of the young men of our congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young received word of the death of their son, Sgt. William Young on September 12, 1944, who was killed in action in Italy. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Young and to Graham Young, who is also in his country's service. The fourth gold star has been added to our service flag.

Mrs. Charles Taylor is still in Houston, Texas, where she was called when her mother's illness became very serious.

News has come that Lt. Roy Whitlock has been injured in battle. He has been with the Marine Corps on Peleliu Island. Word also has come that Donald Dufault has been injured. He also is with the Marine Corps, stationed in the South Pacific.

Mark Thackaberry is on his way to the war theatre, and Shirley has returned to her home.

Mrs. and Mrs. John K. Shuger are spending their vacation weeks in Iowa.☮



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